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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor (if only one name is listed herein below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if multiple names are listed herein below), of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### VERTEBRAL BODY REPLACEMENT CAGE ASSEMBLY

which is described and claimed in:

the specification in International PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/040244, filed on December 02, 2004 and nationalized in the United States under Application U.S. Serial No. 10/579,661, filed on May 17, 2006.

the specification attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Appln. Number	Country (if PCT, so indicate)	Filing Date (dd/mm/yy)	Priority Claimed	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) or §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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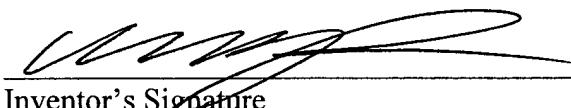
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